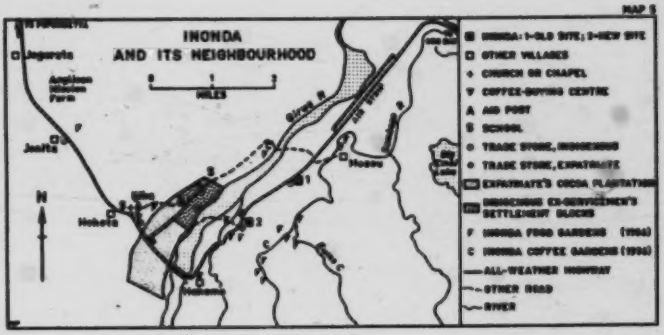
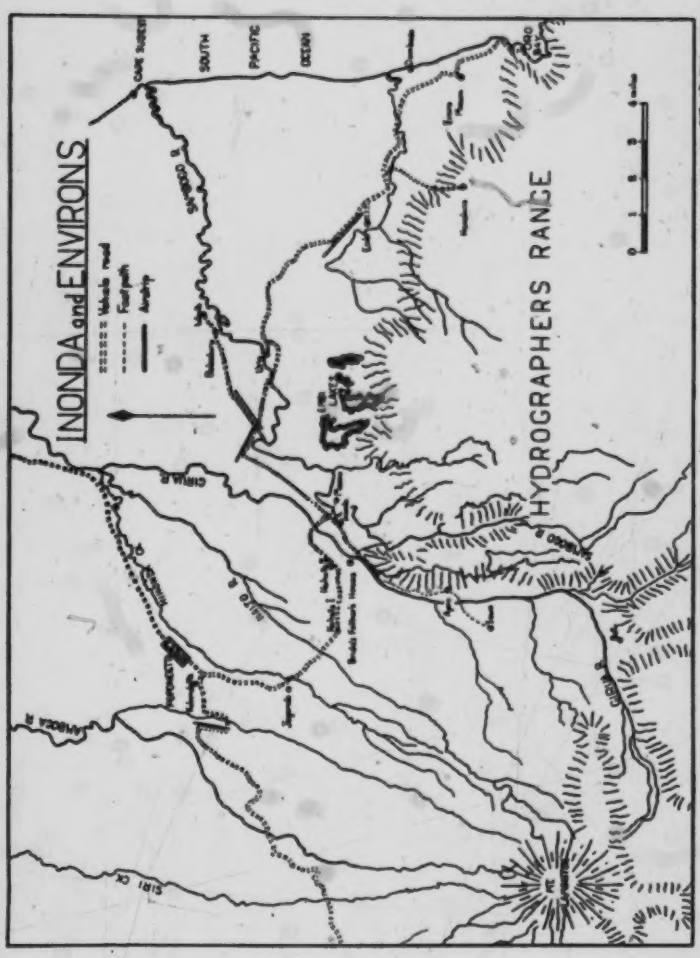
Inonda lies in Buna census division, the most sparsely settled part of the Popondetta sub-district (with the exception of Buhurundi). Apart from an ex-servicemen's settlement block, there are only four villages within a three mile radius of both village sites (see Map 5). At the beginning of the survey, Inonda was on a site it had occupied since 1956, but during 1964 it was rebuilt about a mile to the south-west, still on the forest-grassland border.

The village is about ten miles from Popondetta, to which it is linked by a good all-weather road. About three miles towards Popondetta, west of the Girua River, is Hohota village and its off-shoot settlement, Ijika, where there is a local government council aid post, a church and attached primary school (with classes to standard III), and a trade store. Running north-east from the main road parallel to the Girua River is a line of ex-servicemen's settlement blocks - one expatriate - and eleven Papuan-owned, one of them by a former resident of Inonda and several others from nearby villages. There are five trade stores on or near the blocks, two of them expatriate-owned, and a new Administration school. This latter is not used by the Inonda people, although they believe it to be a higher standard than the mission school. Eastwards from Inonda, the road runs through sparsely-populated grass plains to the coast at Oro Bay. Late in 1964 the Popondetta airstrip was closed and a wartime tarmac strip two miles east of the village was reopened to serve the township, with a consequent increase in traffic along the main road.

MAP 5





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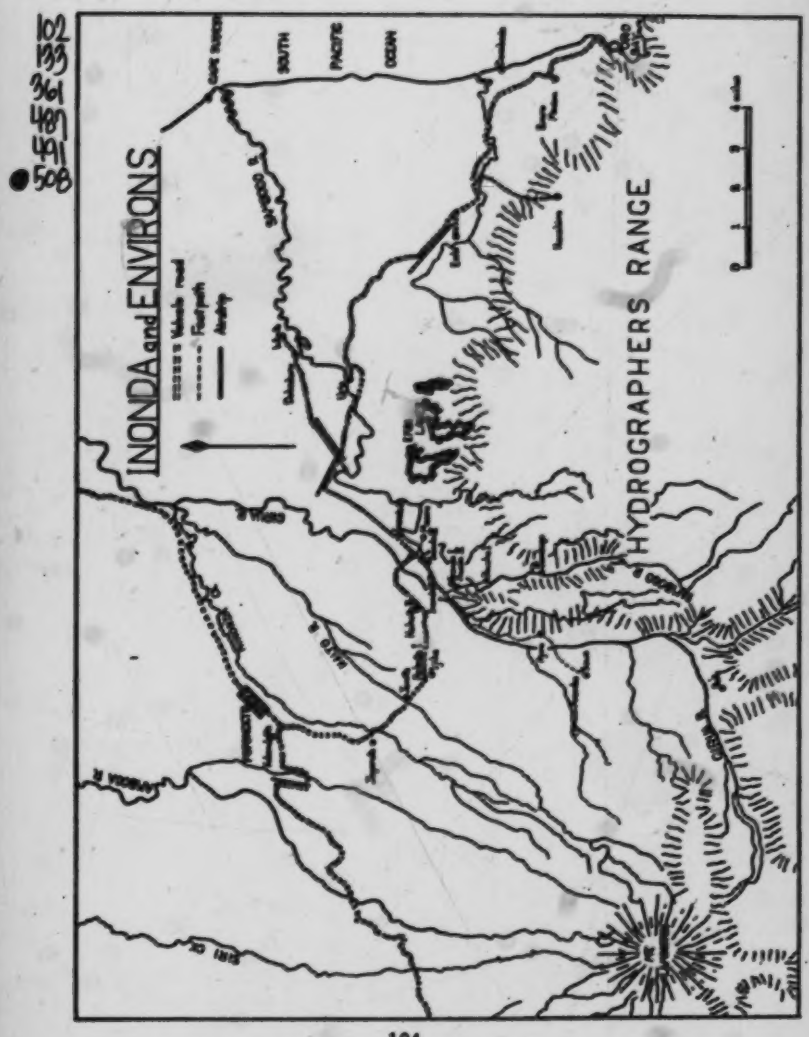

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